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(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3137)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing grants on behalf of veterans seriously injured
2 in a combat zone, providing an income tax exclusion, and
3 including an effective date and retroactive applicability
4 provision.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 35A.14 INJURED VETERANS GRANT
1 2 PROGRAM.
1 3 1. For the purposes of this section, "veteran" means a
1 4 resident of this state who is or was a member of the national
1 5 guard, reserve, or regular component of the armed forces of
1 6 the United States who has served at least ninety days of
1 7 active duty at any time after September 11, 2001, and, if
1 8 discharged, was discharged under honorable conditions.
1 9 2. An injured veterans grant program is created under the
1 10 control of the department for the purpose of providing grants
1 11 to eligible injured veterans.
1 12 3. Moneys appropriated to the department for providing
1 13 injured veterans grants under this section may be expended for
1 14 grants of up to ten thousand dollars to a seriously injured
1 15 veteran to provide financial assistance to the veteran so that
1 16 family members of the veteran may be with the veteran during
1 17 the veteran's recovery from an injury received in the line of
1 18 duty in a combat zone or in a zone where the veteran was
1 19 receiving hazardous duty pay since September 11, 2001.
1 20 4. The department shall adopt rules governing the
1 21 distribution of grants under this section in accordance with
1 22 the following:
1 23 a. Grants shall be paid in increments of two thousand five
1 24 hundred dollars, up to a maximum of ten thousand dollars upon
1 25 proof that the veteran has been evacuated from the operational
1 26 theater in which the veteran was injured to a military
1 27 hospital for an injury received in the line of duty and shall
1 28 continue to be paid, at thirty-day intervals, up to the
1 29 maximum amount, so long as the veteran is hospitalized or
1 30 receiving medical care or rehabilitation services authorized
1 31 by the military and the presence or assistance of family
1 32 members is necessary.
1 33 b. Proof of continued medical care or rehabilitation
1 34 services may include any reasonably reliable documentation
1 35 showing that the veteran is receiving continued medical or
2 1 rehabilitative care as a result of qualifying injuries. Proof
2 2 that the injury occurred in the line of duty shall be made
2 3 based upon the circumstances of the injury known at the time
2 4 of evacuation from the combat zone or zone in which the
2 5 veteran was receiving hazardous duty pay.
2 6 c. Grants for veterans injured prior to the effective date
2 7 of this Act shall be payable, upon a showing that the veteran
2 8 would have been eligible for payment had the injury occurred
2 9 on or after the effective date of this Act.
2 10 Sec. 2. Section 422.7, Code Supplement 2005, is amended by
2 11 adding the following new subsection:
2 12 NEW SUBSECTION. 45. Subtract, to the extent included, the
2 13 amount of any grant provided pursuant to the injured veterans
2 14 grant program pursuant to section 35A.14.
2 15 Sec. 3. 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter 175, section 4, subsection

2 16 3, as enacted by 2006 Iowa Acts, House File 2080, section 3,
2 17 is amended to read as follows:

2 18 3. ~~VETERANS APPRECIATION INJURED VETERANS GRANT PROGRAM~~

2 19 For implementation of a new ~~veterans appreciation injured~~
2 20 ~~veterans grant~~ program, contingent upon enactment of law by
2 21 the Eighty-first General Assembly, 2006 Session, codifying the
2 22 new program requirements in chapter 35A, for providing
2 23 ~~hardship~~ grants to military veterans seriously injured in a
2 24 combat zone since September 11, 2001:

2 25 \$ 1,000,000

2 26 If the general assembly enacts law codifying a new fund or
2 27 other requirements for the new program for which the
2 28 appropriation is made in this subsection, then notwithstanding
2 29 section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this subsection that
2 30 remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of the fiscal
2 31 year shall not revert but shall remain available for
2 32 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the
2 33 succeeding fiscal year. However, if the general assembly does
2 34 not enact such law, the appropriation made in this subsection
2 35 shall revert as provided in section 8.33.

3 1 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE == RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY.

3 2 1. The section of this Act creating section 35A.14, being
3 3 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment
3 4 and is retroactively applicable to veterans seriously injured
3 5 after September 11, 2001, and is applicable on and after that
3 6 date.

3 7 2. The section of this Act amending section 422.7, being
3 8 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment
3 9 and is retroactively applicable to January 1, 2006, and is
3 10 applicable for tax years beginning on and after that date.

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